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SENATOR LEWIS: Just walked downtown to the attorney's office and asked for a letter? Well, that is the first question. Then a second question is just to get the record straight, your concern is the legality of this issue rather than the fact that you might be opposed to it?

SENATOR GOODRICH: First of all, let me answer your first question. You asked two questions now let me answer them. You asked me about this particular law firm, as you know by now, all of us have sources of information at our disposal, all of us have either a diligent attitude toward legislation or we have a rather relaxed attitude toward legislation. I happen to be one of those guys that if I'm talking to somebody that I think that could be beneficial, to me in a way of a source in information. I don't hesitate to take advantage of the fact that he is willing to help keep things on an even keel, and for that reason, I happened to ask this attorney, what his opinion would be of this particular amendment and this is what he responded to. Now the second question, I presume your fishing for is am I in support of or opposition to the amendment. Is that the question?

SENATOR LEWIS: I wasn't fishing. I thought I was pretty direct about it.

SENATOR GOODRICH: All right. Now as what I said before was that this amendment builds into the State statutes a direct conflict. That is all in the world I said. I didn't say I was for or against the amendment. I'm just calling your attention to the fact that your building in a conflict in the State statutes if you adopt this amendment in this form. Now that is all I had to say.

SENATOR LEWIS: Did your attorney friend had some recommended language where we could clean up the conflict?

SENATOR GOODRICH: I did not get an amended form, an amendment to apply to the Carpenter amendment. To make it proper. No, I did not do it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich, did you notice how convenient the microphone was there during all that conversation. Senator Stromer.

SENATOR STROMER: Mr. President, and members of the body- I would oppose bringing back LB 423 to select file for an amendment. All of our boards involving public employees at the present time, have been granted the opportunity to recognize any particular organization as a bargaining unit. I think what we are now doing here, is expanding that so there would be more than one and so that there would be a conflict within the staff as to which then bargaining unit again would represent that entire staff. I know I have personally been involved in a couple of these where the staff was trying to decide which bargaining unit was to represent them, and I don't think we need to open up all of these old wounds again. I think we have settled some of this and so I don't think that we need to return LB 423 to select file for this amendment, because I think that we now have the system operating and running and so let's leave it as it is.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the motion now to return? All right, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Question of Senator Carpenter if I may?

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, will you yield?

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator Carpenter, as head of the reference committee and this is something that has confused me, which is not difficult, but it has confuse me several times recently.